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SUBJECT: CHINESE REPRESENTATION IN THE IMF/IBRD

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BEGIN SUMMARY: UK POSITION ON PRC PARTICIPATION IS WELL KNOWN. IT CANNOT OFFER US ANY IMMEDIATE COMFORT, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD PREFER TO AVOID BRINGING THE MATTER TO A HEAD. END SUMMARY

1. TREASURY REPS CALLED ON DEREK MITCHELL, SECOND PERMANENT SECRETARY, UK TREASURY, AND MADE POINTS IN PARA 7 REFTEL.

2. IN REPLY, MITCHELL SAID UK WAS NOT AWARE THAT EXPULSION ISSUE MIGHT BE RAISED IN NEAR FUTURE. IF IT CAME TO A HEAD, MITCHELL BELIEVED WITHDRAWAL OF RECOGNITION WAS AN EASIER AND SAFER SOLUTION. UK PREFERS NOT TO BRING ISSUE TO A HEAD, IF IT CAN BE AVOIDED. IF THERE WERE TO BE WITHDRAWAL OF RECOGNITION OR EXPULSION, IT WOULD RAISE VERY DIFFICULT MATTER OF ROC DEBT TO IBRD. PRIVATELY, HE CONSIDERED IT QUITE A MAJOR PROBLEM FOR IBRD PRESIDENT MCNAMARA, BECAUSE IBRD HAS LENT HEAVILY TO ROC, AND SOMEONE MAY RAISE THE ISSUE OF LEGALITY OF THE LENDING. MITCHELL TERMED ISSUE QUOTE DAMNABLY DIVISIVE UNQUOTE.

3. MITCHELL SAID ANY LINKING OF ISSUE TO IDA REPLENISHMENT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE, GIVEN GREAT IMPACT OF OIL PRICE INCREASES ON LDC'S, INCLUDING INDIA. FURTHER DELAY IN REPLENISHMENT SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

4. MITCHELL SAID UK POSITION ON CHINA IS WELL KNOWN. HE COULDN'T OFFER ANY IMMEDIATE COMFORT, BUT DID STRESS DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EXPULSION AND WITHDRAWAL OF RECOGNITION. ON BEHALF HMG, HE TOOK NOTE OF US CONCERN, SAID HE WOULD MAKE CERTAIN OTHER APPROPRIATE UK OFFICIALS NOTIFIED.

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